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I read with great interest the many schemes CALFED has come up with to get more water to the San Joaquin Delta, the San Joaquin Valley, and the Los Angeles Basin. My question is: Why destroy more rivers and eco-systems to pump more Northern California water into the Los Angeles Basin? We have already destroyed too many rivers to pump water into an area that was not meant to support the number of people already there.

I am sure what follows is over-simplistic and politically difficult to implement but it does seem to me the answers to the problem are :

1. Put a moritorium on any more growth in the Los Angeles Basin.
2. Outlaw swimming pools in the Los Angeles Basin.
3. Change the landscaping in the Los Angeles Basin: No more lawns or water-dependent plants. These lawns and plants were never meant to grow there anyway.
4. Enforce drip watering and other water- economical irrigation systems in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys.

The amount of water we could save by not wasting it in Southern California would make it possible to save our Northern California river systems and the ecology of our great North State. We might even be able to return to life the river systems of the South State.